

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

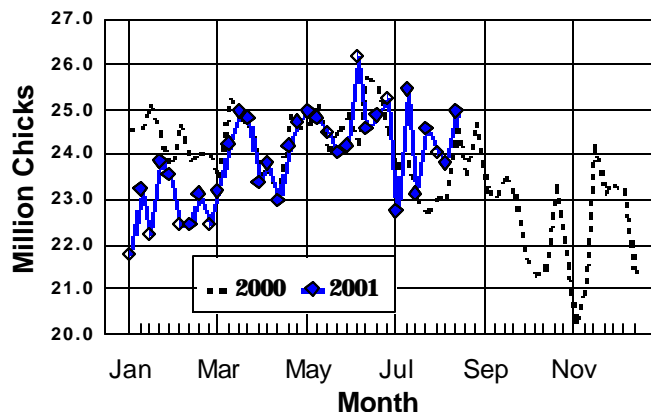
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending August 25, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 5 percent above the previous week, and included 3.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 25, 2001 were 814.2 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.4 million, slightly below the corresponding week a year earlier, and 1 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

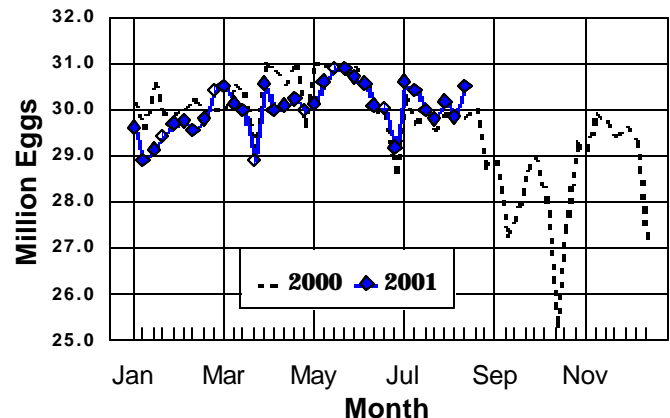
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 25, 2001, 2 percent above both the same period last year and the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 21	23,887	25,493	107	24,911	24,799	100	29,752	30,430	102
Jul. 28	23,047	23,136	100	23,611	24,172	102	29,900	29,986	100
Aug. 4	22,725	24,597	108	24,726	25,245	102	29,565	29,819	101
Aug. 11	23,105	24,047	104	24,289	24,975	103	29,945	30,204	101
Aug. 18	23,036	23,811	103	24,435	24,749	101	29,982	29,880	100
Aug. 25	24,605	24,977	102	24,498	24,436	100	29,844	30,519	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
Week Ending					1/	Week Ending					1/	
STATE	04-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	%	21-Jul	28-Jul	04-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	%
Alabama	29,547 *	30,001	29,256	29,517	103	22,337	21,850	22,603	22,522	21,817	22,622	106
ARKANSAS	29,819	30,204	29,880	30,519	102	25,493	23,136	24,597	24,047	23,811	24,977	102
Delaware	3,417	3,518	3,482	3,515	93	4,625	5,127	4,396	5,443	5,452 *	5,116	110
Florida	2,230 *	2,393	2,398	2,320	83	2,327	2,280	2,068	2,649	2,518	2,377	97
Georgia	31,701	31,674	31,693	31,872	104	25,573	24,325	25,638	24,756	24,642	25,295	105
Maryland	8,756	8,797	8,695	8,957	109	5,750	5,377 *	5,737	5,139 *	4,861 *	5,165	87
Mississippi	19,077	18,981	18,630	18,976	105	15,381	15,639	15,597	15,582	14,709	15,835	105
N. Carolina	18,118 *	17,122 *	17,574 *	17,633	102	13,838	13,900	13,982	14,157 *	13,925 *	14,631	101
Pennsylvania	3,575	3,548	3,953 *	3,861	119	2,588	2,748	2,733	2,780	2,930 *	2,768	101
S. Carolina	4,842	4,835	4,984	5,067	103	3,983	3,993	3,840	4,583	3,998	3,855	94
Texas	14,163	13,695	14,135	14,548	101	10,384	11,772	11,400	11,272	10,903	11,029	106
Virginia	6,575	6,322	6,565 *	6,504	105	4,731	5,347	5,561	5,315	5,074 *	5,348	107
CA TN & W VA	11,575	11,051 *	11,279	11,168	105	9,820 *	10,275	10,125	10,734 *	10,810 *	9,363	97
Total 2001	183,395 *	182,141 *	182,524 *	184,457		146,830 *	145,769 *	148,277	148,979 *	145,450 *	148,381	
Total 2000	178,892	177,674	180,272	178,581		140,783	140,937	142,149	142,260	142,154	144,596	
% PREV. YEAR	103	103	101	103		104	103	104	105	102	103	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						08-Sep	15-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep	06-Oct	13-Oct	
* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.												
*Kentucky	5,595 *	5,664 *	5,599	5,541	****	4,489	4,252	4,418	4,147	4,469	4,499	****
*Oklahoma	6,321	5,908	6,295	6,014	****	4,174	3,970	4,384	4,217	4,891	4,310	****
*LA & MO	9,022	8,651	9,102	8,911	****	7,165	9,067	8,590	9,087	8,132	8,527	****
19 StateTotal	204,333 *	202,364 *	203,520 *	204,923		162,658 *	163,058 *	165,669	166,430 *	162,942 *	165,717	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 184 million eggs during the week ending August 25, 2001. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 148 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 25, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 25, 2001 were 5.01 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.